## Montana Commission on Community Service Office of the Governor

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## **Attention: High School Principals and Guidance Counselors**

## \$1,000 Community Service Scholarships Available

What: Montana Governor's Commission on Community Service announces the availability of up to fifty \$500 matching scholarships to support the award of up to 50 Presidential Freedom Scholarships (\$500) for community service. (Montana matching scholarships may be used at post secondary schools in Montana – public, private, tribal, community or technical.)

**Who:** High School seniors and juniors, who have performed 100 hours of service in their community over the past 12 months – Certified by the Principal

• Two students per high school are eligible for the Presidential Freedom Scholarships from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Montana Office of Community Service will provide the matching scholarship to only one student per high school.

**When:** Deadline for submitting a request to the Montana Office of Community Service is 5 p.m., May 1, 2006. (Preferably by FAX, with e-mail notification of FAX.)

• **NOTE:** Deadline for submitting the *completed* application form to the Corporation for National and Community Service is May 12, 2006 (postmark).

**How:** The application form can be found on the web at this link:

- http://www.learnandserve.gov/pdf/2006 pfs application.pdf
  - The Office of Community Service matching grants will be issued as follows:
    - Only one per school
    - First-come, first served basis

Special thanks to the Student Assistance Foundation of Montana for providing \$25,000 in matching funds to be used as community matching grants for the Corporation for National and Community Service **Presidential Freedom Scholarship**.

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**Details:** Principals must complete the application form (except the Community Matching Grant) and fax it to the Office of Community Service by May 1. OCS will then fax or e-mail a formal confirmation to the Principal that a matching grant of \$500 is being held in that student's name. Only fifty are available and will go on a first come, first-served basis.

Checks from the Montana Office of Community Service will be issued after the student completes enrollment at an authorized post-secondary school in Montana and provides documentation to the Montana Office of Community Service. *Montana matching grants are contingent on the acceptance of the nomination by the Corporation for National and Community Service and its agreement to award a \$500 Presidential Freedom Scholarship.* 

Certificates will be issued to the high school to present to students with the contact information and instructions for receiving the \$500 scholarship once they have enrolled in a qualifying Montana post-secondary institution.

For additional questions or to submit your applications:

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